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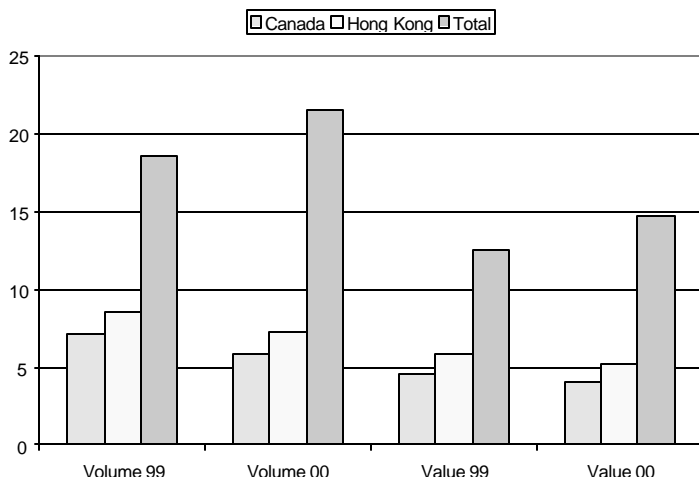
At the inception of the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency in 1972, only about 5 percent of Canada's egg supply was destined for the breaking industry. With rising demand by food processors, Canada's egg processing industry now absorbs 20 percent of total Canadian egg production.

The expansion of Canada's egg processing industry has resulted in sharply increased demand for processing eggs that is challenging the production and pricing structure of Canada's supply-managed egg industry. Exports of Canadian egg products are increasing (mostly to the U.S. and Japan) under a two-price system for eggs, but processors are turning to the United States to get additional quantities of eggs for breaking purposes. For 2000, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) reports that some processors had used all their import allocation by midyear. By mid August, 2000, the DFAIT had issued supplementary import permits for 2.8 million dozen breaking eggs from the United States. According to DFAIT, total imports of breaking eggs from the U.S. in the first seven months of 2000 reached 5.2 million dozen (3.3 million within access plus 1.9 million dozen supplementary). The WTO minimum access level for 2000 is 6.3 million.

The value of Canadian imports of live poultry and poultry meat in 1999 exceeded exports by US\$155 million, while the value of imports in the egg and egg product category exceeded exports by US\$10 million. Virtually all Canadian poultry and egg imports are from the United States.

Currency rate as of September 6, 2000, C\$1.00 equivalent to US\$.68.
Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

U.S. Exports of Table Eggs, January - June



Volume in million dozens. Value in million dollars.

Source: USDA/ Foreign Agricultural Service and U.S. Department of Commerce/ Bureau of the Census

Belgium-Luxembourg

The EU Commission mandated a beef tracking and labeling system that became effective in all EU countries on September 1, 2000. Belgium had already implemented it in June 1999. Now the Belgian Minister of Public Health, Magda Aelvoet, has initiated a pilot project called BELTRACE (Belgian traceability) that will extend traceability to other animal species as well. Still in its experimental phase, BELTRACE is operational in three slaughterhouses, one each for poultry, pork and beef, on a voluntary basis. It should be mandatory in all Belgian slaughterhouses by January 1, 2002.

BELTRACE is a computer data collection system created due to last year's dioxin crisis and other food safety traceability issues raised by consumer organizations over the past several years. Data are collected before and after slaughter and then sent and stored in a database which also includes data from the SANITEL (Belgian animal identification system), I.E.V. (Veterinary Inspection Institute) and I.V.B. (Interprofessional Belgian Meat).

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Japan

The Ministry of Health and Welfare (MHW) recently announced that samples of poultry meat imported from Thailand contained vanomycin-resistant enterococcus (VRE). The ministry detected the VRE during a JFY 1999 survey of imported and domestic samples of poultry and pork products. Two years ago VRE was detected in a small number of poultry meat samples from Thailand, France, and Brazil. In 1998, in response to MHW's request, Thailand and Brazil banned the use of the antibiotic drug AVP, reported to cause VRE. Based on the latest survey results, MHW has requested that the Thai government take strict measures to ensure AVP is not used and to conduct monitoring survey on poultry meat and products for export to Japan. Given the wide-spread food safety concerns in Japan this summer, the news may dampen poultry imports from Thailand. Thai poultry and broiler meat is extensively used in Japan's Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional/ Home Meal Replacement (HRI/HMR) sector.

Frozen Broiler Imports Fiscal Year (April through March)

	Apr-May 2000	FY 1999	FY 1998	FY 1997
		MT	MT	MT
United States	16,053	96,207	103,993	102,937
China	39,785	201,767	193,942	186,146
Brazil	21,092	105,318	70,072	94,236
Thailand	21,602	130,296	122,589	96,158

Source: USDA/Foreign Agriculture Service, ALIC Monthly Statistics

Cage Space Increased In Australia

The Australian Egg Industry Association has reached a tentative agreement with the government to increase cage space size by as much as 20 percent. A new minimum floor space of 550 square centimeters (85.25 square inches) per hen would apply to all new cages after January 1, 2001.

Source: International Egg Commission

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 09, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Liquid	241	201	5,017	9,772
Frozen	0	0	126	6
Dried	0	40	376	464
Total	241	241	5,519	10,242

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 09, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Liquid	85	35	3,996	3,405
Frozen	40	101	609	355
Dried	0	0	654	166
Total	125	136	5,259	3,926

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 09, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Jumbo	278	88	1,605	998
Extra Large	2,044	795	35,738	27,400
Large	2,157	3,445	100,074	95,772
Medium	90	330	24,819	35,810
Ungraded	12,690	8,980	269,644	426,063
Misc	750	1,620	9,387	6,978
Total	18,009	15,258	441,267	593,021

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	- -	- -
WTD AVERAGE		

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	15.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE			15.00	15.00

72,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	14.50	16.25-22.00	11.00-14.00	15.00-15.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.50	18.58	11.83	15.16

1,141,600 pounds, this includes 408,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 09-Sep-00 (PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	1,489	1,296	2,785
LAST WEEK	1,827	1,570	3,397
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,583	1,368	2,951
TO-DATE/2000	69,539	51,624	121,163
TO-DATE/1999	76,108	49,635	125,743

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	235	20	255
LAST WEEK	356	27	383
SAME WEEK YR AGO	300	0	300
TO-DATE/2000	16,840	291	17,131
TO-DATE/1999	17,037	199	17,236

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	1,724	1,316	3,040
LAST WEEK	2,183	1,597	3,780
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,883	1,368	3,251
TO-DATE/2000	86,379	51,915	138,294
TO-DATE/1999	93,145	49,834	142,979

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	- 21.00	18.00 -
WTD AVERAGE	21.00	18.00

380,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-17.25	17.50-18.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.09	17.67		17.00

1,072,000 pounds, this includes 352,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	13.50-17.00	-	11.00-15.00	14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00		13.23	14.00

1,524,800 pounds, this includes 524,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	12.75-13.00
WTD AVERAGE				12.79

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Trading on fresh tom breast meat was at steady prices. The market tone was fully steady on thigh meat, tom drums and tom full cut wings and some sellers asked for higher trending prices on those items. Necks were slow to clear and weak. Fresh wing meat with skin on moved at 38-40 cents. A load of hearts traded at 15 cents. Export trading was fair on mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000
NO EXPORT TRADING REPORT ISSUED DUE TO
THE NATIONAL MARKET NEWS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	144	27.54	820
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.25	104	21.54	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	40	16.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-62.00		61.05	304	60.92	390

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.25		22.25	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	20.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	16.50		16.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	26

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	26.91	572
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	21.00	136
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	20.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	14.50	520
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00		61.00	40

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-29.00		26.91	572
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00		21.00	136
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	20.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	14.50	520
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	20

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/
 Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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